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1. Richard Schueler, editor-in-chief of the Communist Party organ "Neue Zeit" in Linz-Urfahr, a member of the Central Committee, declared at a conference of the editorial staff on 2 February 1950 that the Soviets were going to leave Austria only after conditions in the country had changed.
2. Late in December 1949 there was a demarche of the Central Committee in Moscow. On this occasion the precarious situation of the Austrian Communist Party had been pointed out. Stalin himself received the Austrian representatives (Schueler did not mention any names) and assured them of his fullest support in their democratic fight.

Comment:

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Johann Koplenig and Friedrich Hexmann, on the occasion of Stalin's 70th birthday, called on Malenkov to discuss the situation of the Austrian Communist Party. Malenkov is said to have promised his support.

The report to a certain extent is a confirmation of the fact that leaders of the Austrian Communist Party were promised support by still undetermined top-level representatives of the Soviet regime.

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